

October 1, 1976

Dr. Y. Hirota
National Institute of Genetics
Yata 1, 111 Misima,
Sizuoka-ken, JAPAN

Dear Yukinori,

This is about your manuscript on the peptidyl transferase mutant.

I am afraid that my warning to you that it would take me a long time to do my duty has turned out to be correct, and I have only just now been able to get back to dealing with this properly.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the review which I received from Jack Strominger. This raises a number of interesting questions, both with respect to the details of the manuscript and the intersection of your findings with his own work. I am not in a position to really give a good critical judgment on either point. But it seems to me that it really probably would be a good idea if you and he could cooperate along the lines that he suggests in submitting papers that may appear in the same issue either of the Proceedings or of another journal.

If you agree to that, I will be glad to send the original copies of your manuscript to him for final disposition. If not, then I will have to find another reviewer for publication in the PNAS, and this will have to take account of the criticisms that are included with the present letter. So, I really do think that his suggestion is by far the most practical. Jack himself is also a member of the PNAS, it would be easy for him to facilitate the publication of these two articles.

Needless to say, if you do have other instructions about the disposition of these manuscripts, I will be happy to try to do what I can to follow your own wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

JL/rr
Enclosure